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To: Members of the Merced County Bar Association

From: Linda Romero Soles, CEO

Date: March 18, 2016

Re: Temporary Judge Bench Conduct and Demeanor Training

Merced Superior Court has scheduled an additional course on Bench Conduct and Demeanor for pro tem judge applicants who were unable to attend our last session in October, 2015. This course will be presented by Judge Paul C. Lo on FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Merced Superior Court. Please call the Executive Assistants at 209-725-4172 or e-mail all.executive-assistants@mercedcourt.org to sign up for this class no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 8, 2016.

If you are interested in assisting the court as a *Pro Tem* Judge, we are still accepting applications. Please fill out the <u>Temporary Judge Application</u> available on our website and turn it in to Merced Superior Court Administration, 627 W. 21st Street, Merced, CA 95340, Attention: Executive Assistants.

Every three years each attorney appointed to serve as a temporary judge must attend and successfully complete: 1) a course on bench conduct and demeanor; 2) an ethics course; and 3) course(s) in each substantive area for which the attorney wishes to serve as a *pro tem* judge. The courses must cover the same subjects and be of the same duration as the courses prescribed in California Rules of Court, rule 2.812(c).

Courses for Temporary Judges are available at http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/protem/. Please be sure to print out the certificate at the end and attach it to your application.

The Merced Superior Court would like to thank you for your interest in the Temporary Judge Program. Please feel free to contact Kathy Jacobs, Court Calendar Manager, at (209) 725-4151 or the Executive Assistants at (209) 725-4172 if you need further information.